

6th October 2013

St Colms began the new season in great fashion with 3 away wins against UL Huskies in the North Munster League.

Our U12 girls were first in action. The girls got off to a slow start and found themselves 2-7 down early in the game. However they soon got into their stride and went in at the interval 16-11 ahead. The girls dominated proceedings in the second half to run out comfortable winners on a scoreline of 31-13.

There was an impressive debut by Ciara Griffin. Lucy Liston had an excellent defensive game and was ably supported by Isabelle Meaney and Jana Zundel.

Top scorers for Colms were Aoife Morrissey and Bronagh Dollard.

Our U16 girls made life tough for themselves in their game with the Huskies. The game was well balanced in the first quarter with the scores tied at 8 points apiece. The girls slowly started to exert control and gradually opened up a 31-22 lead entering the final quarter. However instead of pushing on and closing out the game, they allowed a hungry Huskies team back into the game with a number of silly turnovers. Just as it looked like they might throw this game away, they managed to compose themselves just in time to sneak a 37-34 win.

Top Scorers for Colms were Ruth Butler 9 and Roisin Gleeson 8.

Our U14 girls who have been working hard in their training sessions were rewarded with a comfortable win in their encounter with the Huskies. The girls put in an excellent team defensive effort restricting their opponents to only 5 points for the whole game. The girls just need to show a more clinical side to their game on the offensive side of the court.

Top scorers for Colms were Orla Zundel 6, Hazel Dineen 4 and Megan Haugh 4 in their 26-5 win.

There was also a non competitive U11 game between the two clubs where scores are not kept. This is a great initiative as it bridges the gap between U10 blitzes and U12 competitive leagues. These games allow some of the younger players to play at a higher level without the pressures of results. Some of our younger players to watch out for in the future are Amber Gleeson, Sarah Moloney and Julia Cunneen.

21st October 2013

St Colms hosted Morning Star in the North Munster league at a number of age levels and maintained their unbeaten start to the new season.

Our U12 girls were first in action. A number of our U11 girls were called up as some of the older girls were unavailable. Colms held a slight advantage in a closely contested first quarter to lead 11-6. However the stronger Colms panel asserted in the final three quarters and ran out comfortable winners on a 35-12 scoreline.

Top scorers for Colms were Bronagh Dollard 13, Aoife Murray 6, Lucy Liston 4 and Isabelle Meaney 4.

Our U14 girls did not really spark in their game and were fortunate to come away with a narrow win. The girls found themselves 0-6 down early in the game and were struggling against a game morning star team. The girls put in a better second quarter performance to edge into a 15-12 interval lead. The girls put in a mixed second half performance but did just enough to win out 34-27.

Top scorers for Colms were Bronagh Dollard and Orla Zundel on 12 points apiece. There were also some good performances by Emma McDonnell and Caoimhe Hogan.

Our U16 girls settled their game in the first quarter establishing a 21-2 first quarter lead which they never relinquished. They eventually ran out comfortable winners with Ruth Butler top scoring for Colms on 25 points followed by Naomi Keogh and Jane Clohessy on 10 points each.

Our U18 girls after a few false dawns eventually got to play their first game of the season. The game was an ideal opportunity for all 12 players to get court time and establish themselves for the upcoming U18 National cup games next month. Colms proved much too strong in this game with the girls dictating the tempo of this game right from the start. There were good performances all round with Ciara Stapleton, Fiona O' Connell, Sarah Murray and Ciara O' Halloran to the fore.

Our U11 girls put up a very good performance in their non competitive game against Morning Star with U10 players Julia Cunneen, Hanah Barry and Abbie Piggott catching the eye.

Our senior ladies went into their first game of the season against Thurles Knights with an understrenght side and paid the penalty losing out 51-29. Best for Colms on the night were Siobhan Keane and Eimear O' Malley.